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INSIST UPON ARBITRATION

Railroad Men Hold Wilson's
Plan is Impracti-
cable

APPARENT DEADLOCK

Counter Proposals From Executives
of Railways Considered to be Prob-
able

Washington, Aug. 19.—President Wilson still has a great deal to do if he is to prevent a national railroad strike.

That was the situation as the 31 railway presidents prepared to go for another conference at the White House at 11:30 o'clock.

They hadn't slept a lot, most of them having been engaged in conferences of their own up to a late hour last night.

The upshot of their conferences was not to accept the President's proposal for settlement of the controversy with the employees. They are prepared to hold out for arbitration, they said.

Washington, Aug. 19.—President Wilson's plan for settlement of the threatened nation-wide railroad strike was accepted yesterday by the representatives of the employees and taken under consideration by the officials of the roads, with many indications that they would reject it tomorrow. The word came from the managers last night, however, that they had reached no definite decision.

With the situation thus apparently at a deadlock, the only hope lay in reports that the railroad officials might present a counter-proposal forming a basis of a settlement, or that one side or the other might recede from its present position.

Thirty-one presidents and ranking officials of the great railroads received from the President yesterday afternoon his plan for the adoption of an eight-hour day, regular pro rata pay for overtime and creation of a Federal commission to investigate collateral issues. They told him they would like to consider the question and would report back tomorrow, with the committee of managers which has been conducting negotiations.

At the same time the general committee of 640 representatives of the employees were approving the President's plan by a large majority, and soon after the railroad officials left the White House the four heads of the railroad brotherhoods delivered to the President a letter notifying him of the vote. The employees' committee will remain here at the President's call.

While the railroad officials would make no formal statement, they revealed clearly their opposition to Mr. Wilson's plan and indicated that they could press further their offer to arbitrate all the points at issue.

In spite of these developments, it was reported the officials might suggest a counter-proposal based on the acceptance of the eight hour day and arbitration of all other points, instead of the investigation by a Federal commission proposed under the President's plan. It was stated positively, however, that the officials had reached no definite decision on their future course.

In case the President finds no hope of settlement during his conference with the railroad officials tomorrow, he probably will summon to Washington some of the powerful financiers of the country serving as directors of the railroads. Administration officials said tonight he had by no means given up hope of effecting a settlement and was determined that it should be reached, if possible, before the representatives of both sides now here leave Washington.

In their informal statements the railroad officials insisted on arbitration on the ground that if they gave in this time it would mean the abandonment of the principles of arbitration, and they feared if they granted the 8-hour day with its consequent added expenses, without resort to arbitration, it would prejudice any appeal they might make later to the

HURRICANE HITS TEXAS

High Wind Causes Devasta-
tion at Corpus Christi
Bay

LOSS OF LIFE FEARED

Virginia and Other Troops Forced to
Flee From Camp and Take Shelter
in Brownsville

Corpus Christi, Texas, (by long distance telephone to Dallas, Texas), Aug. 19.—Blowing 70 miles an hour, the forerunner of the tropical storm in the Gulf of Mexico was felt last night as it approached the Texas coast at this point, Brownsville, and on the intermediate plains.

Forecasts by the local weather bureau were that the crest of the storm would reach here about midnight and that a 120-mile wind could be expected.

But few details of the storm's work south or north of here had been received early last night. In Corpus Christi, however, the gale had carried almost everything movable before it. In its wake it had left demolished summer cottages along the beach front here, thousands of dollars damage to buildings in the business section, and a heavy sea running in Corpus Christi Bay.

Waves whipped over the beach in the northern section of the city, beaching small craft and carrying up on the shore debris from a score of decks and small bathing pavilions. Lloyd's pier, one of the largest pleasure resorts in this section of the coast, which juts out over the water 1,000 feet, had been almost completely demolished at 6 o'clock last night. The only portion that remained was a two-story structure adjoining the shore.

Fronting the business section, built on the beach proper, is a four-foot breakwater. Heavy seas were breaking over that and threatened to wash

Interstate Commerce Commission for higher rates.

On the surface the threatened strike appeared nearer yesterday than at any time since the negotiations at the White House began, but Administration officials continued to believe some concessions would be made and that eventually there would be an agreement.

It was indicated plainly to Mr. Wilson that the officials were inclined to stand behind the previous attitude of the managers' committee in refusing to accept the eight-hour day and that the proposal was believed to be impracticable. The President was told, however, that the plan would be given further consideration.

St. Paul, Aug. 19.—If every other railroad in the country should accept the 8-hour principle, we would stand out alone against it," declared Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern last night.

"But we will not have to stand alone," continued Mr. Hill, "our position is the position of every other railroad in the northwest. As a matter of fact it is the position of every big road in the country. The railroads are going to stand solidly against the 8-hour day."

Mr. Hill was asked if the adoption of the 8-hour principle would mean receiverships for the big roads.

"That is just what it would mean. It could mean nothing else. We are in no position to adopt the eight hour day. It would cripple our train service so that we could not operate."

"Isn't it proposed, Mr. Hill, to review the rate question and possibly give the roads an increase of freight rates so that they can afford to adopt the eight hour day?"

"We will get no increase freight rates," replied Mr. Hill.

"At any rate we think we know more about running our roads than the government does. The government, you know, operates the Panama Railroad. With no severe winter weather to interfere with traffic, with no mountains to climb or tunnel, the government has to have four times as high rates as we get in order to operate that railroad."

Alexandria City News Condensed

Mrs. C. R. Howman and daughter, Hilda, of Spencer, N. C., are the guests of Mrs. John Curtin.

Miss Edna Drew, of City Point, Va., is the guest for a few days of her brother, Mr. A. J. Drew in this city.

On Tuesday, August 22, when the Council of Jewish Women give their excursion to Marshall Hall, they will have for their guests the matron and children of the Children's Home, according to their annual custom.

Mr. John Fahline, formerly of this city, but for many years a resident of Sharon, Pa., is in the city visiting his old friends and acquaintances. Mr. Fahline is still engaged in the banking and iron business.

Funeral services for the late Archibald Hall, who died at the home of relatives here Thursday evening, will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock from his late home near Lorton, Fairfax county, where his body will be taken from Demaine's chapel, in this city.

Mrs. Robert S. Barrett leaves tomorrow for a trip to St. Louis, Mo., where she will meet her husband, Mr. Robert S. Barrett, and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett. Messrs. Waller and Paul Barrett left today to spend several weeks at Markham, Fauquier county, Va.

over it if the storm's intensity grew. Thus far there has been no loss of life, according to available reports. Ample warning of the storm, it was said, had been given all residents and an opportunity to prepare for the approaching hurricane: Damage thus far has been confined to the washing away of structures near the shore of Corpus Christi Bay and the havoc wrought by the 70 mile gale which blew almost continuously for three hours yesterday afternoon.

No further word has been received here of the fate of the crew of the steamer Pilot Boy, which was sunk in the Gulf of Mexico, yesterday in a tropical storm. It was reported, however, that three men of the crew of 12 had been washed ashore at Port Aransas, 20 miles from here.

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 19.—United States soldiers and National Guardsmen stationed at Fort Brown have been driven from their quarters and have taken refuge in the city hall and other public buildings at Brownsville, on account of the Gulf coast storm which was striking that section last night, according to meager reports received over the army wireless at Fort Sam Houston from Fort Brown tonight.

A terrific and destructive wind, according to this report, has wrought havoc in Brownsville and in the military camp. Those troops which took refuge in the court house were the Illinois, Iowa and Virginia regiments. They took two days' rations. All wires to Brownsville are down and communication, except over the army wireless, is impossible.

Summer residents on Padre Island beach, opposite Point Isabel, 22 miles northeast of here, came to the mainland early yesterday and all fishing vessels were drawn into Isabel harbor, on receipt of news of the storm's approach.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 19.—One soldier was killed and thousands of others encamped in and near El Paso suffered great discomfort as a result of heavy rains which fell throughout last night. During the all-night storm Private Charles Johnston, headquarters company, seventh United States Infantry of Choutau, Mont., was killed by lightning in his tent at Fort Bliss. Other soldiers nearby were stunned.

Water poured through the camps of the Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Michigan Guard nearby, inundating some tents, and ran three feet deep in the company streets of the Thirty-first Michigan Infantry.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 19.—Telegraph companies at 7 o'clock last night reported that all wires to Corpus Christi and Brownsville had failed at 6 o'clock because of the Gulf Coast storm.

Chances of picking up wires during the night, they said, were remote.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hammersley and Mr. and Mrs. Astyke will return tomorrow from an automobile trip to New York and other places.

Dr. J. B. Holland and family are guests of their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stonnell, at their home in Braddock.

Mr. William J. Boothe and son, Mr. Gardner L. Boothe II., leave tomorrow to join Mrs. William J. Boothe and Miss Elizabeth Boothe, at Pocomoke, Md., for a short stay.

Mr. F. J. McElhany, superintendent of transportation for the Dupont powder company in Hopewell, is visiting Mr. A. J. Drew, at his home in this city.

Mrs. William Franklin White and little son William Franklin White, jr., have returned home after a month's visit to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cable White near Middleburg, Va.

Miss Pauline Taylor, about 68 years old, died shortly before seven o'clock last night at her home, 110 south Fayette street. The deceased was well known in this city and was one of its most esteemed residents, having been born here, where she spent her entire life. A sister, Mrs. Brisey, of this city, and several brothers survive, her among the brothers being Valentine Taylor, of this city. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

NINE THOUSAND TURKS

Put Out of Commission

More than 9,000 Turks, fully half the total engaged, were put out of action in their recent unsuccessful attempt to reach the Suez Canal. In the recent operations at Katia, the enemy is estimated to have numbered 18,000. The known killed are 1,251 and the wounded are estimated at 4,000. Captured were forty-nine officers, 3,871 wounded and unwounded prisoners, and also four guns, nine machine guns, 500 camels, 100 horses and mules, two field hospitals, and much material.

Mrs. Taylor Burke, of Alexandria, is the guest of Miss Lucy Temple, of 1112 West Avenue. Mrs. Burke is in the city to see her sister, Miss Lucy Mason, who is sick at Stuart Circle Hospital.—Richmond Virginian.

The many friends of Mrs. Isaac Gregg regret to learn of the illness of her young daughter, Josephine, with typhoid fever, at her home, 904 King street.

Dilapidated sidewalks are to be repaired through the re-operation of property-owners and city authorities, according to a campaign mapped out by the police department, the objects of repair in a majority of cases being sidewalks in which only a few bricks are missing. In several instances, however, some side walks are in bad shape and need considerable attention. Repaving will take place in some places.

Upwards of two thousand persons attended the annual meeting of the Potomac Baptist Association which has been in session at Warrenton for the past few days, and which was attended by the Rev. Eugene B. Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, James R. Mansfield, clerk in the association, and several others of this city. Dr. Jackson was elected moderator of the association and Mr. Mansfield reelected clerk. Dr. Jackson was historian for the past year.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS

On the Adriatic Coast

A series of earthquake shocks that began with the seismic disturbance that caused heavy damage and several deaths at Rimini, is causing heavy losses in all towns for sixty miles south of Rimini on the Adriatic coast. During the last 24 hours 25 shocks have been felt at Ancona alone. Officials reports to the government today state that more than 100,000 men, women and children have fled from their homes and taken to the open fields, fearing that the coast cities are to be destroyed.

ALEXANDRIA'S EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

Plans Being Rapidly Perfected for the Big Religious Revival to be Held Here in September.

Plans are rapidly assuming shape for the evangelistic revival which will commence in this city September 3, to be conducted by Gypsy Smith, Jr., the noted evangelist of Haddon Heights, N. J. The campaign for the moral betterment of the city will be one of the most stupendous events



Gypsy Smith, Jr.

that has ever taken place here and indications make it evident that the greater majority of Alexandria's citizenship will co-operate in every respect with the committees of laymen of the various churches to make the campaign a landmark in the future history of the city.

The big gospel tent, which will accommodate the audiences of the revivalist, has arrived in the city and will be erected at an early date upon the ground in the rear of the Second Baptist Church on upper King street, between West and Peyton, the site of the old fair grounds. The tent will have a seating capacity of approximately 2,000.

Posters and other features are advertising the revivals throughout the city and it is expected that the night the evangelist makes his first appearance here he will be greeted by one of the largest audiences the city has ever witnessed under one roof.

FRENCH GAIN AT MAUREPAS

Make Further Progress on
Somme and Capture
Fleury

TURKS AID TEUTONS

Berlin Reports Musselmen Fighting
Against Russian Troops in Gal-
ician Region

London, Aug. 19.—After repulsing several German counter-attacks Thursday night, the French resumed their offensive on the Somme front yesterday and made further progress in the village of Maurepas, part of which they had previously entered, and along the road from Maurepas to Clercy.

Further German positions in the region of Ginchy and Guillemont were captured yesterday by the British forces operating in the Somme region. More than 200 prisoners were taken.

Heavy attacks were made by the French last night on the Verdun front. After violent fighting at Fleury, east of the Meuse, they expelled the Germans from part of the town which had been captured, says the official French statement.

Several German counter-attacks on the Somme front southeast of Maurepas were repulsed.

The French also made considerable progress in the region of Thiaumont, in the Verdun sector. Fifty Germans were captured there.

In telling of the operations in the East the Russian War Office says the Teutons on the front from the Zlota Lipa, west of Polhaytse, resumed the offensive with considerable forces, but without success. On the River Bystritsa Solovtina the Russians occupied Lysietz (seven miles southwest of Stanislau) on the western bank of the river. In the direction of Ardzul a series of heights were taken.

Rome reports persistent attacks and intense bombardment of Italian positions on the Trentino front, on trenches on the Slopes Monte Sperone and at Scatolari, in the Rio Freddo valley, but says they all were repulsed. Italian troops raided Villanova and Nova Vas, breaking through the enemy defenses and taking some prisoners, but it is acknowledged that the situation in the Gorizia area and on the Carso is unchanged.

Turkish troops are fighting with the Germans and Austrians in Galicia, according to the official announcement made today in Berlin. Despite this additional opposition, Petrograd says all enemy attempts to throw back the Russians were defeated, and that the Czar's armies have pressed forward in several sections.

Desperate fighting continues along the Isonzo, but the Italians apparently have been unable to advance. In the Balkans the Teutonic allies have taken the offensive and Berlin claims have taken the Greek town of Florina from the Serbian troops.

In the region of Korosmezo (Carpathians) Russian troops continued their advance and approached the summits of the mountain in the vicinity of Korosmezo.

On the Caucasian front the Turkish offensive in the region west of Lake Van was repulsed. In Persia, in the region of Kala Pasova, encounters took place with considerable Turkish forces.

The deed of acceptance which turns over to the government the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln at Hodgenville, Ky., was yesterday signed by President Wilson. It provides an endowment fund of \$100,000 for its maintenance.

NOTICE

The concern under the name of Emerson Motors, that has issued papers and notices asking the public to buy shares in their automobile company has NO connection whatsoever with Mr. Victor Lee Emerson, of the S. S. E. Company of Philadelphia, Pa., formerly of the Emerson Engine Company of this city, 192-3.

BAPTISTS OF OLD DOMINION

Representatives of Fifty-
Nine Churches Meet in
Warrenton

TO RAISE ONE MILLION

Rev. Dr. Jackson, of the First Baptist
Church, Alexandria, Elected Modera-
tor.

Warrenton, Va., Aug. 19.—Dr. E. B. Jackson, of Alexandria, was elected moderator of this great body of Northern Virginia Baptists, comprising fifty-nine churches and 7,000 members. The contributions of the association to the boards of the Baptist denomination amounted to nearly \$8,000.

The Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson was a visitor and at the request of the association spoke on "Ministerial Education." The speaker said that the education board has seventy-one young men under its care and spent last year about \$7,000 on their education. After the address, Mr. Ellyson left for New York.

Dr. J. M. Roper, of Petersburg, was also a visitor and by request preached a sermon, to the delight and inspiration of the congregation, on the subject of "Christian Consecration." Rev. W. S. O. Thomas, of Falls Church, Va., presented a strong report on temperance. The report cited many of the benefits that have come to the people of Russia since the government has prohibited the manufacture and sale of vodka, and heartily commended the Anti-Saloon League to the churches, urging their moral and material support. The association also approved the submission of the amendment to the national Constitution and requested their legislators in Congress to give this measure their active support.

Rev. David Hepburn, of Richmond, spoke of the record of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia in securing the passage of prohibition laws, such as the Mann law in 1904, the Byrd law in 1908, the Enabling act in 1914 and the great victory September 22, 1914, and the passage of the best prohibition law by the last legislature ever enacted by any state.

The associational sermon was preached by Rev. H. L. Swain from Matthew 4:17. Subject, "Jesus the Founder of a Kingdom." "We find," said the speaker, "two expressions referring to, first, a kingdom of God's universal dominion over all things whereby He preserves, protects, gives laws to and regulates all His creatures. Second, kingdom of heaven. 'The organized churches are called kingdoms. In this, kingdom Christ and the Father rule, maintain order, safety and happiness. It is the kingdom of heaven in that it has heavenly origin, a heavenly governor, and laws, and exists to render multitudes fit for heaven as a state and place. The burden of the teachings and preaching of Jesus was to establish a holy estate in which a perfect relationship between God and man should be realized."

A resolution was passed by the association appointing a committee of three to memorialize the General Association of Virginia; to urge the Southern Baptist Convention to begin a campaign to raise one million dollars, the interest of same to aid aged ministers of the Baptist denomination. Very little has been done in the past to provide for the old preachers, who have given the best of their lives in the service of the churches, often on a salary of a few hundred dollars per year, so that no provisions could be made for old age. The million dollars ought to be raised at once, and more from time to time added to it in justice not only to the preachers, but to the denomination.

Edward Canfield, general superintendent of the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad, died yesterday at Middletown, N. Y. He was 69 years old.

DEVELOPED & HARD SHELLED CRABS AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT KING STRET.